

PROBLEMI DI  
NOMENCLATURA

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NOTES ON RECENT AND FOSSIL NERITIDAE, 10  
ON THE STATUS OF *NERITINA KURAMOENSIS*  
YOLOYE & ADEGOKE, 1977 (\*\*)

**Summary:**

*Neritina kuramoensis* YOLOYE & ADEGOKE, 1977 is considered a junior synonym of *Neritina (Vitta) adansoniana* (RÉCLUZ, 1841).

**Riassunto**

*Neritina kuramoensis* YOLOYE & ADEGOKE, 1977 è da considerarsi come sinonimo più recente di *Neritina (Vitta) adansoniana* (RÉCLUZ, 1841).

A study of the mollusc fauna of the lagoons and estuaries of southwestern Nigeria, showed the presence of two polymorphic, partially sympatric species of the genus *Neritina*. One was identified as *Neritina glabrata* SOWERBY, 1849, the second as belonging to an apparently undescribed species (ADEGOKE, DESSAUVAGIE & YOLOYE, 1969). In a subsequent study the alleged new species was described as *Neritina kuramoensis* YOLOYE & ADEGOKE, 1977.

In the description the authors compared the new taxon only with *N. glabrata*. As differentiating characters of *N. kuramoensis* they mentioned the relatively larger size, the thicker shell with higher spire, the duller brown colour of its ornamental pattern and the stout, deeply depressed operculum. These characters are exactly the

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ones which differentiate *Neritina adansoniana* (RÉCLUZ, 1841) from *N. glabrata*. In my opinion *Neritina kuramoensis* has therefore to be considered as an other junior synonym of *Neritina adansoniana*, of which the following synonymy is now known:

*Neritina (Vitta) adansoniana* (RÉCLUZ, 1814)

*Nerita adansoniana* RÉCLUZ, 1841. *Rev. Zool. Soc. Cuvier*, (1841): 313.

*Neritina sangara* MORELET, 1848. *Rev. Zool. Soc. Cuvier*, (1848): 355.

*Neritina kuramoensis* YOLOYE & ADEGOKE, 1977. *Malacologia*, 16: 305, fig. 2.

The species is known from Senegal to Angola (PILSBRY & BEQUAERT, 1927; BROWN, 1980).

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